



Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

4-16-57

Dear Folks,

Have not heard anything from Calif lately but I have not sent anything that way either. We are all doing O.K. except for a cold now and then. we have been having lots of rainy weather and storms. guess you read about the cyclone that hit Dallas Texas.

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April 29, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma & Uncle Kirby,

Now it is I who am apologizing for not writing. I got your letter the day I went home for the Easter holidays. I wasn't expecting any mail that morning, so your letter was doubly welcome.

I enjoyed the holidays very much. I took off a day early. I talked to my professors and they told me to go ahead. They didn't even give me double cuts! That one day made all the difference in the world. I got almost everything done that I needed to do. I really needed to be sure that I have a job for this summer. I have one and with an increase in salary.

Easter I played the organ for church. Mrs. Atkins went visiting and asked me to play for her. I was glad to do it. We've gotten choir robes now.

The day after we got back to school, it really rained. They had had a flood the weekend we were home. It seems like the rains just keep coming. It rained so hard Tuesday that we didn't have class. The creek overflowed and they had to open the gates on Lake Haco. Some of the neighboring towns were really hit hard.

We were afraid it would get up to the dam for a while. It did flood the boys' dorms.

A couple of days later the sky really looked bad. It was practically yellow. The wind blew 100 m.p.h. I was at work when it happened. I was scared too. It lasted for only about 2 hours.

It has rained for nine days. The radio this morning said to expect it for the next five. Seems like we

never could get any rain. Now it won't stop. We have had 3 more inches of rain already this year than we had all of last year.

Our church just finished a revival last week. Even though the rains came, people came to the services. We had good results. We only got to go one night during the week. They wouldn't let us out of the room to go, but it would have been silly to try.

I have been working hard. Also have been studying although not as much as I could.

I am enjoying my art course. My last picture is my favorite. It is a landscape. Everyone thinks it is very good - even Miss Jernyson. I'm very proud of it.

We have a holiday Wednesday - May Day.

We've had a lot of holidays
what with Easter and the rains.

Barlow gets out earlier than
the other colleges. I have to
stay for a test on the 23rd
of May. Then I can go home
and will I be glad to get
there.

Your guppy sounds like
quite a handful! We don't
have as many birds as you all
do, but we have some mighty
cute squirrels.

We didn't have a thing except
bread that I liked for supper.
I ate three rolls and will
probably get fat again. I'm
starving now.

Love you all,
Marry Jo.



Feb 23

Dear Kirby, Alma -

Sorry this check is so late. I was in charge of the P.T.A. Founder Day Program this month & everything went so fast except that. I just can't take on a responsibility like that & keep things running smoothly at home. But one has to take a turn at it once in a while. The program went well & was enjoyed. I read a ~~new~~ narrative of the Founding & history of P.T.A. & for each 10 year period or so we showed fashions of that era. Such clothes - it was fun, but entailed lots of ~~to~~ telephoning & running around to find & gather them. We even had a very couple of the real high button women shoes.

Alma - I've been doing some gardening. Put in some Calceolarias for spring color & cleaning out & trying to get things in shape before the long weed growing season starts.

We finally got 3 walnut trees & 2 cherries. Hope to put roses in the fence before its too late - but they aren't cheap - are they?!!

The children are all well from our season of colds & coughs. Lots of mumps around now. All but April had them last spring - but the girls & I only had on one side.

Basket Ball season ended this Thursday. We wound the season up in 4th place. Except for one game - which the boys played very poorly - they were well pleased. This was the worst team he has ever had - ~~but~~ they ~~were~~ learned faster & were more coachable than any previous team. All are seniors - so its a fresh start again next year.

about the pups - we are going to see them some time this week end. There is only 1 white male. Would Walt & Mary want black & silver? & how could we get the pups to them? We could keep yours for you



until you come in April.
Is that what you had in
mind? - To take it home
then? Were you planning to
take Walter Mary then too?
Which they had been born a
month later. Can't you see us
here with 3 pups & major >!!!!
for a month! Wow! We have
thought we could skip this
round & get a pup for ourselves
next time, but we'd be in the
soup if something happened to Major
in the meantime.

We had planned to spend
Easter with my folks. However
we have the whole week off
before Easter & perhaps it would be
even better if we visit them
during that week.

It will be fine to have Art too.
We are disappointed that he hasn't
been able to come up. Haven't heard
from him since Xmas. Will finish
this after we see the pups.

Kay is working on the storage wall in living room. Had planned to have baseball practice this week end - but the rain stopped that.

We are buying Encyclopaedia Britannica - the 24 volumes will come in next 2 weeks - so that finally put the spin to us on the storage wall - which we've been talking about for 3 years. This will hold records - player - speaker - Books - magazine - a desk - radio - also storage for magazines we save to clip + bases - ant object etc. So many of these things are cluttering closet that were built for some other purpose.

I saw an add in Nat'l Geo. for the Encyclopaedia + sent off for information. So we had a salesman. It's one of these advance deals (they start canvassing this area in March) For the privilege of using our name as buyers a set & also our giving them 10 names of possible prospective buyers - we got \$142⁰⁰ off the regular price. Payments are \$15⁰⁰ per month + no carrying charges. The other deals we looked at were near or same in price & not half the Ency. this is. We are real enjoying the Nat'l Geo., Kirby & the whole family. It's



a wonderful thing.

Barbara & Wendy both had excellent school reports this past quarter. Wendy's teacher says Wendy is one of her most dependable youngsters - & she is doing very well in school work. This is the 1st year she has completely liked her teacher. Just a matter of being OK before, but this one she is most enthusiastic about & we're so glad.

On Barbara's Kindergarten Progress report the girl said "Barbara is a teacher's joy." Also that during the 2 weeks period when there were only 20 "v" so in class (34 total - but ~~had~~ lot out because I cold then) Barbara blossomed & had to be reprimanded twice. "... a thing I thought would never happen" said one teacher. It's wonderful to have them both enjoying school so well. They also get along better together at home too.

Didn't get a chance to
see the pups - too much
rain over weekend.

will send this off &
write about pups later.

Love,
Eysie



Tell Marie that she was
not late for April B'day at
all. The ~~yellow~~ ^{blue} flowers
their gift & I'll be May 6
writing soon.

Idi -

Aren't we having fun
with our pups! Ry is
such a monster that he
hardly looks like a pup now.
His feet are almost as large
as Majors - no kidding.

Is Sulu going thru the
process of learning to keep her
ear up? It's a scream - he
looks so funny when he runs.
They wag they flap up & down!

He broke out of his house
last night - so now I guess he
sleeps in the back porch.

I meant to write when they
were 3 months old - but let

it slip. They were born
on January 23rd.

Yes. Rye loves water too -
& mud. He licks at the hose
(I mean water coming out of it)
but Major always does too.
In fact in the summer when
the birds are playing in the
hose water - we have to put
Major in the house, because
he won't stay away & those
snapping jaws can be
dangerous.

Major is a complete
push over - let's try chew
him to pieces & loves it. It
certainly helps keep the meat &
tear off of the birds - tho'!

Have you noticed the real
dog hair coming in on Sulu's
back? Rye's stand up on end
when he's barking at a stranger &
it looks comical - just that one
little tuft! This is like having



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leaves at the same time - isn't it? - Comparing notes et al!! Alma will you bring Sulu my when you come? Wouldn't they have fun together!

Kimberly - if we don't write again before you leave here wishing you a wonderful trip & Godspeed all the way. Will be eager to hear from you.

My folks have definitely decided to come to Sinden in June to stay. So we are in the process of house hunting & believe we have found a good spot for them. Tho' it is very small. Dad has had a rough year month - so is now convinced about retiring - at least for awhile. Their Social Security is coming along

nicely - believe they can start
to draw in July. Glad you
is all fix up too.

Lois may be teaching in
Tone (small town about 12
miles from here) next fall, but
they plan to continue living in
Sunder. I guess I told you?

That Ray signed his
contract. It's nice not to
be going thru a big
decision as we did last
year at this time!

Time for bed.

Much love to you
both - & to Suzy.

Epsie

B.S. How's Casey doing?
Got to busy up with our triplet!

May 14, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma & Uncle Kirby,

Not only have we had high water but Sunday I was in a cyclone. He watched it. Finally it hit, two blocks from where we were staying. It damaged four houses but miraculously no one was hurt. It was in Crawford where I go to church. That's about 20 miles from Haco.

Believe me, I've never been scared so in quite such a way! I'd always thought they were black but this one was white. The clouds all around were pitch black.

You know how Daddy listens to the news, particularly the weather. When I got back to the dorm Sunday night I immediately placed a call home. I knew they would be worried about me. Things always sound much worse over the radio. When I finally got them, guess what? They hadn't even listened to the radio! Daddy has

had a lot of extra work brought on by the floods. Now they will be worried about me til they get me home. I think the weather has left now. The sun was out today in a beautiful blue sky. First time in way over a month.

Uncle Kirby, I suppose you will be busy now more than ever. I know your trip will be very rewarding. I shan't expect a letter from you, Aunt Alma can relay the news. I would like a postcard from Moscow if you have time. I'm very interested in Moscow because of an economics course I'm taking this quarter.

Exams begin the 21st and I go home home the 23rd. Momma and Daddy are coming up after me. That is, if they can now out.

Momma sent a huge package of cookies and Kolaches

to keep us healthy during exams.

She really outdid herself this time. It will take us a couple of days to demolish these. My suite-mates will help devour them.

The dining hall is cleaning out its refrigerators now. The meals are getting progressively worse. Won't be too much longer now.

My roommate is thinking about attending an art institute in Los Angeles. I don't want her to leave. She's not sure she wants to yet. She admires you all very much.

Set myself a 10 p.m. deadline but have passed it now. I've spent more time letter writing than studying but I enjoy it so much more.

I don't guess "Bon Voyage" is what they say when you're going on a plane but do be careful. Aunt Alma, don't do too much.

Love you both very much,
Mary Jo

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday = May 28 - 57.

Darling:

See! I keep waiting for you to come in and say "When down eat." So does Lulu. Seems awfully still and lonesome without you.

Be sure to shift your notebook & Tissues to the suitcase, so you will not extend the small bag too much. Also when you use your clothes line, you have to wet the end pieces to make them stick.

If you don't get any more letters from me, it is because I can't find addresses. Not in folder, at least not beyond N.Y. Looked in desk.

What about airsickness. Did you need a pill. Or don't they give them to you? - Heaps and heaps love

always yours

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Hotel Imperial, London
Sunday morning
June 1

Dearest:

The flight across the ocean
was smooth & pleasant. Sunrise
was glorious above the clouds.

Have now made three flights
to N.Y., across to Glasgow, and
to London. No airsickness!

Had our first group dinner
with Muriel & Doris Lester,
Reginald Reynolds whom we
met in India and Allen
Skinner. Going to Quaker
meeting soon.

Long sleep last night
and feeling fine.

It is pleasant to be back in
London.

Bill is very efficient with
arrangements.

18 of us here. Excellent
group.

Room by myself!

Dr & Mrs Reynolds are with
us. So far very congenial.

our new minister is
a great addition to the party

How I wish you could
be here.

With love

Kirby

June 2 1957.
Linden Calif.

Darling:

Made a quick trip up Friday. Art did not come. Would not get paid until Monday and did not want to borrow from me or Kay - may possibly come up and go home with me - gave Lulu a pill and she was quiet whole trip. The Vet told me that morning that if we ever decided we didn't want her, he would take her. Since Art didn't come, I left home at 1 o'clock. Wanted to leave at 12, but after going to town after taking Lulu in and had to make so many trips to load up. Put things in cart to take them down. Epsie and kids very much pleased with new Pictured Knowledge Books. Oh boy, if you could see Lulu & Rye. They go constantly, have to let her in the house to sleep during day. She just flops and sleeps.

Card from Sherwood says they always stay at the Victoria Palace Hotel near Mt Parnassus St. in Paris. Geo. Paine sent check for 50. So we will not starve.

Kay and Epsie sleep late Sat & Sun. so things are pretty lively for a while. Have fed kids except April.

Bobbie & Saddy's address is Glen Thornton Van Dusen Rt 2 Box 2 Thibodaux, La. Oh, I forgot Mimi's address when I asked. Was in hurry. Will send when I get home. Things sure were quiet at home last week. When I get back Heather is coming. Heaps and Heaps Love

always yours

Alma

Wed. June, 5

Dear Kerby -

Your cards received and enjoyed. Gauder brought back memories - some country! We are following your schedule closely and remember you daily. Sally keeps saying Grandpa is over where Daddy was - across the ocean!

I hope you're adjusting to fast travel and time change by now. Eager to hear of group's experiences as you go along.

Farmy Scott due here from NY & Chicago this Thursday to talk over plans for July assembly at Las Vegas for demonstration on tests in Nev. Some groups invited to meet with him.

The German Quaker Peace Comm. leader's name is better spelled - Margarethe Lachmund in Berlin.

Hi -

Hardly seems possible Summer vacation is upon us again - except for the weather! It's been 95-100 here lately.

Heather had a good trip - came back all raring to go again. Ron graduates next week - and his classmates voted him one of the 50 campships - which helps in the Yosemite Carsona Trip.

We finally got the rest of the kitchen painted on Memorial Day - except the inside of the cupboards - looks quite nice.

Heather had a nice birthday - Horseback riding with Janice & Walt - then we all went up San Gabriel River to cool off -

Love - Mary & Walt

Wednesday June 5, 1957

Dear Alma and all:

Received your letter last evening when we went down after the mail, also one from Kirby mailed from Philadelphia. It was good to know that you didn't have any trouble on your trip north and that Lulu survived O.K.

It has been very hot down here since you left, three days in a row of over 90 degrees. Supposed to be a little cooler today about 88, was quite foggy this morning when I left home. So that means we have really been pouring the water on. I have watered every night until dark.

Eat some cherries for me. There have been some in the stores but they don't look very good yet. Did see some beautiful ones about a week or so ago but they were .79 per pound, didn't think they were that beautiful. But hope they will soon be some good ones as the ones down by Beaumont will be ready in about two weeks.

I took Mrs. Levine to the train yesterday morning, so we have the cat to look after. She will be back sometime Thursday afternoon late.

Haven't seen Margaret or Jesse so don't know if Roscoe won another leg on his championship or not.

Glad that Wendy's P.J.'s were all together, the sales girl just gave me an extra pair of panties. So, happy that Barbara is pleased with the other pair, they still had some like them so I got Wendy Lou a size ten. You know she has gained so much weight since she had her tonsils out.

Walt said that Heather had a nice birthday, they didn't have a party for her and she was a little unhappy about that. One of her girl friends spent the night with her and so he took them horseback riding, he rode also and got kicked by the horse. Nothing serious he said but did have a black and blue place on his knee. The horseback ride made Heather very happy.

The social security check came yesterday, but guess you will need to sign it before it can be deposited. I don't think they will take it with the stamp, I really don't know. So we will just put it away until you come home.

Heaps love to all.

Marie + Perry

Sinden June 6 - 1957 -

Dwelling:

Well, things running as smoothly as they can with four children around. April is getting so she wants Grandma to take her down from the table chain when she eats. She is a doll and so good natured. Mark is a big man most of the time. School is out tomorrow, Fri., and then they will be able to sleep later.

Lulu and Rye got so tired, she wouldn't eat yesterday, just nited, so I locked her up last night and she was OK this morning. They will not play with the ball or mouse, just each other. They are both a circus.

Have begun to sew a little, mostly patching so far - will get to the real sewing in a day or two. Plenty to do in the patching line. It is not hot by a long shot. Oh say did I eat cherries. Remember, you were not here to say nay - Didn't hurt me at all. Of course, I did not eat too much at a time. Kay's berries are loaded, but just a few ripe now and then. The children get them, if the birds don't. Kay is so good with the children. He just went to the store to shop. Took all 4 kids along.

Oh yes. Don Bowden a Calif. Jumper won the mile race last Monday at the relays at Stockton in 3-55-07. Kay & Eileen were thrilled to have seen it. Love love. Alma.

Big new her is a champion boy.
in baseball game - Play off North with South Part of League we won 5-0
On 1 hitler so I feel pretty good.
Have a good time Kay



June 9, 1957

Dear Uncle Kirby,

I was so glad to get the postcards. I'm following your travels with great interest.

Friday night I went to see "Around the World in 80 Days". It was extremely interesting and had many good shots of the countries. I especially enjoyed England and France. Spain was very colorful.


Yesterday was my 20th birthday. Can you imagine my being that old? It just doesn't seem possible. I really don't feel like an "old woman".

The rains are still coming. Here in Rosenberg, we have even had a few tornados - they didn't touch the ground luckily.

Because of the rains, the men can't get into the fields to measure the cotton. As a result, I haven't been working hard at all. I'd rather be very busy than doing nothing though.

Aunt Iris and Uncle Billy, Bill, and Pat, were down for dinner last Sunday. He had a nice visit with them. I hadn't seen them in a couple of months.

Our Sunday School here at Thompsons is doing very nicely. He had a nice crowd

this morning.  I am playing
the piano again and teaching
a young people's class. Then we
go on to church in Richmond.
We ride in an air-conditioned
car which makes the ride very
pleasant.

Momma and Daddy are
doing fine. Pappa gets tired
easily but that is to be
expected. He doesn't have to go
back to the doctor for six
weeks.

Take care of your self.
I remember you in my prayers.

Love,

Mary Jo

Dear Drampky,

Sorry I could'nt write you on the trip, but I just could'nt find the time. I had a wonderful time, even. I got a little wet at Big Sur.

I got a little wet at Big Sur.

Caddy is stronger than me now.

The hatpins are all playing.

Heather

Dear friends

School is just about over and I hope I pass.

The marching we do at school is the best fun is just about to march for me because we have to march a certain way.

school work is getting harder every day and
hope it we be over soon. after school

Love Ronnie.

Dear Grandpa,

I bet you're having a marvelous trip. Someday I sure would love to travel to Europe myself. These last days of school are really going slow. I have a lot of work to hand in so I will pass at least some classes with good grades. My social life has really been fun and I have

Lots of love,
Lynne

Lyons

and take care of yourself.

nearly been attending a lot of nice parties. We
 all miss you and hope you will return safely.
 to us. I hope you accomplished a lot over there. Keep
 sending us cards. They are very nice. Bye for now.

Sinder. June 30. AM.

Darling:

Well, Kay is surely enjoying the end of school. However, he starts today to have 4 mornings a week recreation. Friday night he made cinnamon rolls. Not his best though. He is out of practice. Yesterday he made apple, and berry, pies. Also homemade bread. Both excellent. First berries. Look fine.

You should see him mow the lawns. He rides, and has the wagon hooked on behind with from 2 to 4 kids riding. Wendy is not riding so much now as she is too big for such childish fun, but sometimes condescends to take part.

Rained all day yesterday and you should see our Lulu. She and Rye get out in the garden part and get all muddy, and then chase around and roll all over each other and dab with dirty paws. Consequently, Lulu looks brown. Rye doesn't show the dirt, but is just as dirty. They tussle over a bone or a ^{dry} weed or a rag, and have great times. Sometimes they are both a circus. Poor old Major has a hard time with 2 to contend with.

Boy, you should have been around yesterday when all 4 kids had to stay inside. They got on each other's nerves and shouted and screamed and fit like the very devil. Such a time. Finally came bed time and a little peace and quiet. Kay and Epcie take it in stride, and I didn't do so badly myself.

Time really flies, and I don't get as much done as I want to. Can't do too much sewing when I'm Baby-sitting, because I need to keep an eye on them.

Miss you. Heaps and heaps love

always yours -

Alma

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Versailles June 11th

Dearest:

Just leaving for Geneva.

Unexcelled trip so far. Everybody
is raving about our experiences.
André and Magda Troelme, ^{two of the ablest & most heroic Xns I have} are ^{ever known.}
going to Russia with us in
1958. We will enroll an
outstanding German and an
Englishman & handpick
half a dozen outstanding
Clergymen from the U.S. - a
total party to Russia of 30
to 40 individuals. ^{We will have our own interpreters in} Please ^{advise.}
ask Francis Laird to pass

the word along quickly to
such persons as Clay, Ragsdale,
Kendall, Palmer, Myers, Isler,
Lorman etc etc. If anyone
can make up his mind now
Send early word and we will
include their names as
probable members in our
preliminary announcement
of 1958 trip. The schedule
is: July 8-14 London

all air travel	15-21	Paris	Cost from
	22-24	Geneva	
	25-31	Berlin	to
	Aug 1-10	Russia	\$1500

Please type &
give copy to
Francis & Walt

more soon
much love
Kirby

Linden, June 13-1957

Darling:

Fortunately for Kay, his summer program is from 10-12 and they don't have to get up as early as during school, and Friday is free. I get at seven to let Lulu out, and usually have my breakfast before the children are around. Lulu is doing much better since I lock her up at night.

After I fed the pups I got a big colander, (strainer) and went out and picked berries. Pet it leaped up and running over, and when I got in the mob was up.

Conference is going on in Stockton, and they went in yesterday afternoon and got Charles and brought him out to look at places to store their things until the house they are renting is ready. They are going to have about a month after giving up the Sutter place until the other house is ready. Charles looks pretty good, but he is bent and very slow, much like Dr. Mendenhall was after his accident. He had a prostate operation and it has affected him much like a woman at change of life. Edna was not feeling well enough to come to conference yet and also she had to clear out the kitchen up there so it could be painted.

Am not getting much done in new sewing, but have done a heck of a lot of patching. I guess that serves the purpose just as well. Am now ready to begin sewing some blouses for the girls for summer. I guess I can take some stuff home to sew.

As of the present, we are to pick some cherries this afternoon. The trees have been picked commercially already, and this is gleaming. I guess these will be for free.

Be sure and keep everything locked up when you go to Russia. Heaps and heaps love always yours
Alma.

London June 17-57

Darling:

It is 8 am and they are all still asleep. Have had my breakfast and fed Rye, but not Lulu, as I want her to have a better trip. I shall have to wake them soon as I have a couple of things to do in that room before I leave, and I want to get away at noon. John sang on Ed Sullivan's show last night and they went to a friend's house to see. Left April with me as I didn't feel like going, and she cried most of the time because she saw them all go but her.

Did not get too much done, especially this past week, as there were cherries to can ^(free) and berries to freeze. Pitted some of the cherries and made some jam for Epsie. Have some cherries to take home. Pretty ripe but hope to get through with them in the refrigerator. Froze some ice in milk cartons to put in with them. Marie will love them.

Haven't had letters this week so suppose they have gone home.

Heaps and heaps love

always yours

Alma.

June 17, 1957

Dear Kirby:

I have been waiting for Perry to write, but he just doesn't seem to do it. So, guess I had better get a letter off to you before you think we have forgotten how to write. (June 18)

The week after you left and the day after Alma left to go up to Kay's we had four days of over 90 degrees but since then until this Sunday it has been cloudy and cool in fact had one rain about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Sunday it started to get hot again and yesterday was 100 in Los Angeles, supposed to be about 97 today and cooler tomorrow. We have really been putting the water on.

Perry picked three boxes of berries last Friday and I made them into four pints of jam. Also jamed another flat of strawberries and put one flat in the freezer since you left.

Alma arrived home last night hot and tired, Lulu was ~~exuberant~~ exuberant with joy to get home. Didn't talk with her much since it was around 9:00 p.m. and I was thinking about bed. Will have a good talk tonight.

Margaret and Jessie's dog Roscoe, earned another leg on his championship and needs only one more. He just missed a cup by one point at the big dog show in Pasadena. They are getting along fine and said to be sure and send their greetings when we write.

We are looking for Bill and Madge to come down next week about the 23rd. Said that Nellie and Petehad some fish for us and they will be bringing it down. We will be glad to have the fish.

Perry has been having a time with his asthma and sinus, just doesn't seem to get rid of the hacking and coughing. He seems to be tired all the time, but I can't get him to go see the doctor. Will try to get him started on ~~take~~ iron pills again.

The American and National League races are going strong. It has been sometime since the Yankees have been out of first place at this time of the season. Will send you the clipping on the standings in the next letter. Vancouver lost five out of seven games to Hollywood this past week so they have dropped out of first place, San Francisco is now on top.

Sounds so far as if your trip is very interesting and rewarding. If you should see Wilfred Wellock again give him my best. I doubt if he remembers me but I took him to a meeting when he was here. We are looking forward to having Reginald Sorenson here this fall (I believe it is he comes).

We look forward eagerly to your letters. We will try to be more prompt in writing to you.

Much Love
Perry & Marie

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June 18th 1957

Dear Mrs. Page!

Thanks for the recipes you sent to me. Some time when it is cooler I mean to try them. We are having some hot days and I hope you are cooler.

I am enclosing the peanut butter cookie recipe. Our Swedish nurse who bakes lots of cookies told me she thought I did not use too much flour but she thought I did not use enough shortening. She tells me it takes a cube of butter or margarine to make $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening. She always uses butter in her cookies and they are very rich.

Gale has had word from your husband. I hope he stays well during all the trip.

Thanks again for all the jams and fruit you bring to us.

Love,

Florence

Saturday, June 19-1957

Darling:

Well here I am home again, and wow! is it ever hot! 104° 2 days. 91° in living room. Had fan going. Even hot at night. Not nearly as hot at Ray's, and when it does get hot he has the cooler. Funny thing, when I started, the car was hot from sitting in sun, and it soon was cooler from the breeze, but Salu and I were uncomfortable. We soon had to stop for gas, and I started the fan, and what do you suppose I found? One of the babies had been in and pushed the heat button over, after that it was better. They had just put out a big fire in center of Modesto across track. Big fire place. Fire engines still there, another one on Ridge Route. Many acres burned, hot out, yesterday Mary was out, and Sally wanted TV on, and they showed Big fire in Griffith Park. 300 acres in air house and still going. This one was from truck turning over and burning.

Our berries have just started, but our Nile lilies and gladiolus are going full tilt.

Hope this get to you before you leave Berlin. Must get ready to let Marie take this in as we went to Toien yesterday. Brought home cherries and are they ever good! I am come to Mary.

Heaps and heaps love

Always yours

Alma



DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

June 20

Dear Alma -

Wondering how your trip home went? I'll bet you really appreciate the peace & quiet these days!

Poor Rye was a lost soul - Sunday & Ray took Major over to see Benny the afternoon you left. When I brought Major home the next day - Rye went crazy with joy! Major didn't do so well this time. His back must be bothering him. He couldn't stay up on Benny long enough - leg gave out - so I brought him home to rest up. Ray took him in to the Animal Hospital with Rye, but Doc said he couldn't do anything to help the situation. So - we took Major back to Privately again last night & hope for the best. That place on Rye's neck was swollen from his previous shot. Vet said it happens sometimes.

We miss you! - I feel keeps saying "Benny go bye-bye with Oulu in Car". Boy is it wonderful

to have all the mending done. I sure
do appreciate all you've done & all
the nice things you brought for us.

Ray had a head attack of sinus.
Had to have a penicillin shot &
sleeping pills. His head was really
aching. He & Wendy will go up on
the train to Marysville tomorrow
noon & drive the folks back in the
evening. Their stuff is coming down
on Sat.

The kids are really enjoying
their swimming lessons - hope they
learn something.

We see that S.A. had 104°
the other day. What's going on down
there? That's only supposed to happen in
the Calif. Valley! It's cooled off here
now - but Tuesday was hotter than
hades! 102° in Stockton.

A girl has a cold & last night
woken me up with the old crampy
hank. So I turned on the hot
shower full blast & sat with her
in the bathroom - then let the
steam go into her room. After that
she slept O.K. This is called spasmodic
cramp & comes on with a sudden cold
during the night. She seems O.K.
today, but not much pep.



DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

How is everyone down there? And have you heard from Kirby? Did the cherries stand the trip O.K.?

With all the running around for swimming & T.W. Thw. recreation for Wendy & Bartine, I still haven't made much headway cleaning house. Did get the front half done yesterday tho'. Wonder if we'll be able to settle into a routine soon. I find myself almost wishing school was in session again & this when I was dying for summer to come. Seems ages since school was out & I only been two weeks!! Haven't picked cherries for jam yet & they say I'd better or the heat will kill them. This cooler weather should help tho' & the paper says it will continue for a few days.

Thanks a million for being so good to us & putting up with all the racket & disorganization!
Much love from us all
Epsie



Fri - June 21

Dear Kirby -

Hope this reaches you in time as well as Herbert Jehle's letter of introduction to Prof. Kapitza in Moscow. Herbert has known him for 20 years. Linus Pauling is somewhere in Europe himself.

We're all at John & Mary's for supper. Going to see Schweitzer film. Some fun. Will have all write a greeting.

Sorry - That's as far as we got last night - had to run - The film is excellent - Much better than the reviews had indicated, Walt felt - Ron went with us - while Heather & Sally stayed at John's till we got back, (Judy was at beach) I guess the summer will fly as fast at least winter did - We leave for family camp a week from ~~today~~ ^{Monday}. We took a date for the Taylor Beach cabin also. The Peckham and we will share it the 2nd week in August. Ron's grandmother's trip will be the 16 of July, till 23rd.

It was good to see mother again - She seems to have enjoyed it immensely - Walt & Ron have gone back up to Hyllarid to try to get things more ready for the work camp. What a mess - he goes to Bedford next weekend -

Enjoy your letters

Love Mary & Walt

June 22 1957

Darling:

Since you say letters reach you in 4 days, am trying to get this to you at Berlin. There are things which have just come up.

Did you know that Mary Daseburg had passed on? Was that why you wrote him in February?

Now The Southern California Christian Ministers Want a Retreat next April. The 13-14-15. However the 13th is a Sunday. First Sunday in wrote a card saying that they always stay at the Victoria Palace Hotel in Paris, near Mt Parnasse Station.

Take care, and do take your pills each day

Always yours

Olivia

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Sunday 4. -

My dear Alma: -

We are off to-night for London
 and hope we shall have some new experiences
 I want to write you to thank you again
 for the ships you sent to our Emily that
 are still blossoming and delight us
 all. You never did a kinder thing. We
 had our last jar of figs just before we
 left - we have hoarded them for
 special occasions for they are so good.
 But even more I want to put down
 one or two things about Kio's book that
 are still in my mind. I mentioned
 one and told me many things I did
 not know, not only about Kio but
 about Idewood as well. My first
 response when I finished the book

In Cleveland its "The Hollenden"

was of breathlessness for so much
is packed in these pages. I felt
at times that it was more of a catalogue
than a narrative but I don't see how
he can get all those people listed in
any other way. I think he might

have told more of the younger groups
on your list - but for that is a fore-runner
of a book in spiritual training and
people need help in understanding
both how to do it and its effects.

If anything is to be said I would suggest
it be the periphery of family - only
those who have definitely influenced him
should be included I would think.

It is the story of a thrilling life lived
in a thrilling time & ought to be
published. Do the graduates have
a place? I believe it would be
better than a religious piece than



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any other one. Mary Wington?
 Be the Christiana Sunday Press, which
 I believe is under some other name.
 We are counting on seeing Tuesday
 in Paris, but I wish far more
 that we were going to see both of you
 - Jacksonville.

I'm troubled about your back. I've
 had a nasty bump with arthritis
 this spring that put me in the hospital
 for ten days, flat without even a pillow!
 and another two weeks at home.
 Now I am wearing a re-enforced
 foundation garment & special
 In Cleveland its "The Hollenden"

shoes and taking too many
pills, but I - almost comfortable!
I hope you may be a restful
summer this knowing you
and remembering your greatest
share my love to!

Second joins me in deep affection
for you both

Miss Eddey

June 23rd -



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June 29th

Dearest:

off for Iceland and Russia! Six
men + two women.

Feeling fine and dandy!

I wrote that I would like
to accept Winston's retreat
in April.

all first group except us 8
now scattered + homeward bound.

I love you! I love you!

Your

Kirby

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July 1 -
Dear Dad -
Everything in a hubbub here - were packing to
can to go to family camp. Took kids or have
enough for 3 families! my pants done for now anyway.
your letter found wonderful - like your really having a time.
Will be interested to hear about the Persian trip.

Dear Grampy,
On Thursday to Sunday I stayed at Grampy's.
I didn't ~~even~~ earn very much money this time.
We're getting ready to leave. I have a crop of 2 milk for
ten people. I might go horse back riding.
Love
Heather

Kirby -

Very much enjoy your commentary on
people & the trip. Will give much
consideration to next year's trip.
Grigor McClelland - was tops on
interpreting China + USSR from
his Quaker mission visits

Meeting at Allan's church.
Discovered he has your picture
where he sees it inside little
railing around pulpit - when he
preaches!

Has Marguerite Lackmund
been in touch with Dr. W. Nathan

Family in Israel? (If you see her again!
You might ask). Hope your health is
holding up Ok. Blessings -
Halt

Hi Grampy

Having lots of fun making money and
spending it. Hope to see you soon and
know you will be so soon.
Love
Heather

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Warsaw July 1

Dearest:

Perhaps no spot on earth
has been the scene of more
misery than the ghettos of
Warsaw. We stood where nearly
half a million Jews were
starved and massacred.
Most of the city was
demolished. In an amazing
way Warsaw is being
re-built. We had an
especially fine guide
who had been in the
British air force.

Today is free and we are
trying to make contacts with
persons whose names had
been given to us.

Comfortable, large hotel.

The meals were not
prepared in accordance
with your diet!! I am
feeling exceptionally well.
Seem to have lost four
pounds.

at 6 PM off for Moscow.

Merch love

Kirby



Гостиница „НАЦИОНАЛЬ“
г. Москва

Tuesday July 2

Dearest:

our party of eight had
a special Polish plane all
to ourselves - seven hrs
non-stop Warsaw to Moscow.

Crawled into bed about
3 A.M. Breakfast at 10.

Guided tour for 3 hrs
and have just returned
from nearly two hours on
the famed Moscow subway -

really impressive mosaics
and lighting effects.

Luxurious huge room
to myself. All you can
eat as many times as
you ask for it.

The building program
here is really amazing.

The University houses, teaches
etc 6,000 students out of
nine thousand enrolled.

More soon

Much love

Nicky

July 5 - 1957

Darling:

This came a day late for
forwarding before you left Berlin.

Will you please send me
your address for London
so that if necessary I can
get in touch with you there.

Yours

Anna

La Habra, Calif
July 5 - 1967

Darling:

Well, yesterday was a typical deep South 4th of July. Hatterin' Blazes and then some. It got so hot, even with the fan on, that I had to go out and sit under the olive tree. Not much good for getting anything done these days. When it is cool enough, we spread water over the place.

Have been trying to get some sewing done for Kay's kids. Sew a little in the morning and do the handwork in the afternoons. Sent them several blouses Wed. Mary and Walt are at the family camp this week, all except Judy. She is staying at night with a girl friend. Heather was out a few days last week, but did not get much done.

You just ought to see what I eat at lunch time! a salad twice as big as when I give you a salad plate. Mine is a big bowl.

I told you Sherwood is at Victoria Palace Hotel, nothing from Rinehart. Francis is working on material. called yesterday. Will talk to Walt next time I see him.

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We had late spring, and now, heat with a bang, so-so, the lookout for Aussades is practically nil, Simons dropping off track in heat, and there will be a gap before others come in.

Will you please, please be extra careful not to get any of this Oriental flu that is going the rounds in Europe -

FIRST FOLD

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La Habra Calif U.S.A.



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Nicky Page

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SECOND FOLD

are you using your razor muckster?
and the stick deodorant? What has the
weather been like? Do you remember to
take your Vitamins?

Heaps and heaps love
always yours

Alma

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Dear Kirby -

Mother's condition is weak-
ening - The doctors are unable
to understand her durability.

She is conscious but
she wants to go - She is so
helpless -

I am going to try to
have Allen Hunter come
out for the funeral -
Yours,
Paul

Friday 7/12

Dear Kirby -

You must have had quite a time in Moscow -
Much fireworks! Did you talk with U.S.
Officials, press?

Alma over last night for supper. We
talked some about fall schedule - 10 engage-
ments thus far plus ministers days.

Have had a rough time getting answers
from several. Should have schedule
complete by mid week next. + hope to
have mimeo announcement done by end of
week.

Also mentioned next summer's plans.
We'll just have to wait + see what
develops. "as way may open"

220 ministers have endorsed bomb appeal
started by Methodists. Frank Crane, etc.

F.C.L. helping to get letters out to 5,000
Calif. ministers. Pushing hard for appeals
+ petitions to Ike to continue consideration
of banning tests + staying at negotiations on
disarm. in London. Eager to hear your
report on impressions there.

Hi - it was wonderful to get up to the
mountains and get out of all the heat.
We were just below Camp Redford. Had
a very nice time - and some rest from housework.
We been getting some typing done - but will have
to step up the pace a bit. Wish there
weren't so many things to do around here.

Friends like you're having a wonderful
trip.

Love -
Mary + Walt

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Saturday, July 8 - 1957

Darling:

Everything going along as usual here. Although the 4th was a stinker (102°) without a breeze, it has been much more livable since. Cool mornings, warm days.

I had to borrow \$20 from Marie to cover an overdraft the last part of May. The insurance, with interest and all, came to \$530. The Social Security and pension chks came on the 5th. The woods ck came Saturday. Will deposit it today.

Am getting some more sewing done for K's kids. They need it, after that will do some for myself to replace some of my old dresses that are falling apart, and which I am using to beat the heat just now. Much ventilation in them.

Rally keeps us busy watering these days. You should be here to dabble in the water. I can hear water running somewhere now as Perry pours it on the trees.

Do tell Judy and Donna that I was still in Linden with the grandchildren when they graduated, and I had my hands pretty full just then. Full of grandchildren.

Nothing yet from Rinehart, as I have already told you. Louise has probably told you about her letter of criticism on your mess.

Hope everything goes well and you are keeping fit. Heaps and heaps love
always yours
Alma

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Гостиница "Астория"



ЛЕНИНГРАД, ул. ГЕРЦЕНА, Д. 39 т. А. 0-00-31



July 9th on train to Helsinki

Dearest:

Just met a man in the
corridor from Okla City, who knows
Bill Alexander + Basil
Haggs! Small world!

Went the round of
museums and saw many
jewels and many
famous paintings.

Had a remarkable
experience at a Baptist Church.

The minister announced
our presence. The Congregation
gave us an enthusiastic
handkerchief salute. At
the end we were nearly
mobbed by people who
wanted to shake our
hands.

The tour has been
a memorable experience
and will help greatly
with my work.

Sent
From Moscow Much love
2 letters and
one card
From Leningrad Kirby
one letter & one card

Гостиница „Астория“



ЛЕНИНГРАД, ул. ГЕРЦЕНА, д. 39 т. А.О-00-31



Flying from Helsinki to Paris
July 10th

Dearest:

Had a wonderful evening
in Helsinki with nine Quakers
and F.O.R. people. They were
hungry for fellowship.
Setting up program here
for 1958.

Expect to see Sherwood
and Laine this afternoon in
Paris. Meet the second

group tonight at Versailles.

Eager to get letter from you.

Hope that you received
my letters from Berlin,
Warsaw, Moscow and
Leningrad.

I love you dearly.

Kirk

In two letters I
suggested that you accept
disable ministers in
April.

La Habra, Calif
July 10 1937.

Darling:

So far, we haven't had any
more scorches like we had on
the 4th, when it was so hot I
couldn't stay in the house even
with fan going. But you ought
to be here to keep the water
flowing. Hope you haven't gotten
caught in any heat waves over there.

The excessive heat here so early has
played havoc with fruit. Am planting
some B.I.P.s today so we can have snaps -

Sending a package to Epsie today
with things have been working on for
kids.

Sure is good when I can go down
and find a letter from you - Do
give my best to the girls.

Heaps love
yours

Alma.

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Versailles July 11th

Dearest:

Talked with Sherwood's group
for two hours. It was grand
to see Sherwood & Laurie again.
They look well but he has
developed a slight difficulty
of speech. They left today for
Belgrade.

Our group arrived about
1:30 AM!

Had wonderful beginning
with Hildegard Myer of Vienna
and Andre Phillip. He is an
outstanding statesman. Told
us about his 25 hrs talk
with Kruscher and many

Flew from Helsinki in
7 hours - taken four days
by boat + train!

Slept some this
afternoon.

Taking pills etc etc

I suggested to Mary
& Walt that they talk
to John & Mary about
coming in 1958 and
giving some concerts.

Much love

Wiley

July 13, 1957

Dear Uncle Kirby,

The cards are just wonderful. It's very sweet of you to think of me so much. So far, my favorite card is the one from Paris.

How was Switzerland? I imagine that would be my best-liked country. Have you gotten to see any of the watch makers? Jane went to Europe last summer and she enjoyed that most of all!

A group of us (15 to be exact) went to the beach today. She left here at 6:20^{a.m.} and got back about 4:00 p.m. I didn't stay out in the sun too long. However, I did get nice and red. It is not painful (guess I shouldn't venture judgment so soon). This was the first time I'd been to the beach in a year. I really did enjoy the day.

I do hope this stationery stays together until you get this letter. I only use it for writing special people and was most anxious to write to you on it. Usually it goes to A + M.

Did you get my letter I sent to Germany dated the 9th of June?

Remember the card from Poland which you at first addressed to Aunt Lu's? It was misssent to Needville, Texas, after that! I consider myself lucky to have ever gotten it.

Momma and Daddy are well and send their love.

My prayers each night are that you will have a safe and worth-while trip.

Love,
Marry Jo

Monday Am.
La Habra Calif
July 15 - 1957

Darling:

Mary and Walt and the kids and 2
extras stopped by for supper Saturday
on way home from the beach,
and did they ever eat. Ron is
bottomless.

Got one letter and card from
Moscow, and then letter written
on train to Helsinki ^{3 days}. Guess the
rest from Russia will come along.
Now that you are out of Russia
I suppose you can tell about
your experiences while there or
will you wait until you get home?

Lulu is growing apace. Still squeaks
her mouse when she is frustrated, only
now she adds a whine. There was
a nest of mockers just outside the
window behind the radio, but I
am afraid the cats got them last night.
I don't think they were big enough to fly.

Heaps and heaps love
always yours

Alma

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Geneva July 20th

Dearest:

The second fair goes on
remarkably well. Fine
spirit and excellent program.

Had four-hour boat
trip on Lake Geneva. How
I wish you were here!
Get mighty lonesome for
my sweetheart. Your ears
must burn frequently
because I am constantly
talking about you. I have

not felt better in years.

Four weeks from Monday!!
Gave up a lot of kisses.

Ever your own

Kirby

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July 21

Dearest:

Took the cog railway up Mount Pilatus
high above Lake Lucern. Glorious
view - sunshine, rain, snow,
clouds!

Still feeling fine.

Leaving now for Buckeburg.
arrive about midnight.

Love and kisses

Nirky

July 20 1957
La Habra, Calif.

Darling:

Have had Heather and Sally for a couple of days. Ron is at camp, and Mary and Walt wanted to get some work done around their place. Marie stopped by and picked them up Wednesday evening. The only trouble was that Heather forgot to bring her shoes, and could not do any work.

I thought I was overdrawn Thursday and went down to borrow a hundred for 30 days. However, my figures must have been off, as there was no notice from the bank, and to top it off, there was a check from Epsie, and also a \$30 check from the Council for the prayers for the year, and so I deposited them and saved the day.

I think all your Russian cards came through, and letters too. Should have something today. My Best to the gals.

Hiaps and hiaps love

Always yours
Alma

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P.S. Epsie said the gals were tickled
with their blouses, about 6 apiece, and
it helps with the laundry question.
am working on patches for April from
my old pajamas.

FIRST FOLD

Ma Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif. USA.



AIR LETTER
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KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Freundschaftsheim July 22

Dearest:

Four marvellous hours
with Martin Niemöller.

Here is the report letter
to be given to Francis and
prepared for the offset
printer - 6000 copies on
6 pages - 3 sheets two sides.
Hope that this + Lucius with
Peace of Mind - 5000 copies -
can be off the press by
the time I return.

next to our visit
with Mahatma Gandhi,
the experiences of this
summer rank high.

I love you

Kirby

I borrowed an American
typewriter!



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July 22

Dear Kirby:-

Thanks for the
Cards and letters
Myself, honest busy
doing to good -
Alma & Marie
going strong -

Marie fixed up strawberry jam,
and Alma did the Black & Berry
berry jam & Apricot jam so
you are well fixed up -
For weather at times has been
very bad - Nothing doing good -
we'll be very little Apples - Lemons
& Oranges hurt also - bad on Veg
and fruits - really been rough -

Were finally got the basins
cleaned out and the goos
on all the trees =

Pouring the water on all
the time -

Another 3 weeks and off to
the lake - Marie sure needs
the rest =

Birds having a big year -
Ed will be home Sept 3 -

Glad you are OK and having
Wonderful trip - Won't be long now
Love, Marie & Perry.

Wednesday July 24-1957
So Haven edley.

Darling:

Paul called yesterday, saying his mother had finally passed away the night before (mon) Funeral will be Thursday in Riverside at 10 am. Will go.

Things here pretty much as usual, cold at night and hot in daytime, which is lots better than having it hot at night.

I don't know if we will get any peaches or not. The birds are eating them before they begin to ripen, small too, in spite of water and fertilizer. Oh well, they are 20 years old this year, (the white ones). Never saw so many birds in all the years. The blue jays are always jabbering.

Nothing from Rinehart as yet maybe you could call when you come through N.Y. What is your London address to be?

Heaps and heaps love
always yours

Alma

my best to the
2 girls.

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

July 28th

Dearest:

Quite unexpectedly we are making a substantial change in the dates of the 1958 Tour. It now seems possible that a week's conference can be arranged in Germany which will be participated in by ten Russians, ten Europeans and ten Americans. The European Baptist Congress meets in Berlin August 26-31, and Russian delegates are expected to attend. Therefore we are trying to arrange a conference at Freundschaftsheim August 1-7. And so we are changing entirely our itinerary in the hope that this will be possible - and that non-Baptist delegates may be present. Therefore please ask Francis to substitute the following itinerary:

also

La Habana Calif
July 30 - 1957

Darling:

Weather has been pretty good
but it is going to be hot today.

Gale and Florence and two
women neighbors, came over
Friday and had lunch with me
brought everything along. They
had a good time and I also got
the house cleaned.

Going over to Mary's for
supper Thursday night.
Have been sewing and working
outside some and taking
care of Lulu. She will be
~~so~~ glad to see you
come home and take her
walking. So will I. Be
glad to see you home again,
and come. Hugs love
always yours

Alma

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Fri. Aug 2nd

Dear Dad -

Wait be long now - bet you'll be both
Sorry and glad - will all be happy to see
you again, and hear all about the trip. If
this reaches you in time - Happy Birthday! If
not - hope you had a nice one.

Dear Grandpa,

Happy Birthday! I hope you are having a fine

time over there. This week-end dad, Ronnie, Sally, and I are
going up in the hills. Hope we are going to have fine time,
a week from today we leave for the beach. Hope we are going to
have a fine time there too, Warm fine weather.

Dear Kirby -

Thinking of you on your Birthday.
Wonderful that you've been able
to be one of the Significant fees
of the Great Fellowships - especially
these contacts this Summer

Exciting indeed
giving much thought to next
Summer - not too likely for me
but will keep "open" -

John + Mary have interest
but probably not possible next
Summer - John needs a good
established year or two before
he will feel free to plan
ahead a whole year for a
Summer tour

Your fall Schedule coming
Along - All our love
Walt + Mary

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Lunch today with potential So Calif
Committee on Nuclear Bombs - John &
Mary, Ron Murray. Some fairly
influential - business & prof. people,
phys. & Scientist or two. with
Homer Jack enroute to A & H
Bomb Conf. in Japan - WZ

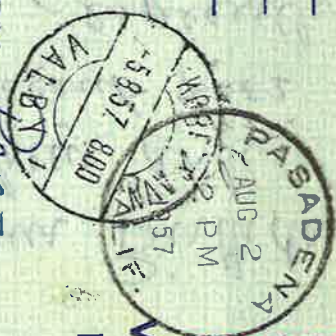
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VIA AIR MAIL
PARAVION



KIRBY PAGE 112
HOTEL SOLDBALDEN
VESTRE KIRKEGAARDS ALLEE
KOBENHAVN
DENMARK

SECOND FOLD

Hi Drampy and Happy Birthday
love Ronnie

August 2, 1957

Dear Kirby:

We seem to have been very neglectful in our writing to you on this trip. And to have not sent our birthday greetings so that you would have them on the right day. Any way happy birthday from us. We will leave a package for you to have when you get home.

Perry has still not been feeling very well. Has had a fungus on his big toe which has bothered him and then now that it is about cleared up it has started on his left thumb and is spreading on the next finger. Dr. Cook is putting a special light on it and painting it with some dark purple stuff which looks very bad.

We will leave for the lake either the 11th or 12th of August and will return on the 29th or 30th. We both are eagerly looking forward to the trip.

We have been having weather up in the 90's this past week and the weather man said it might cool off a little tomorrow.

I took Mrs. Levine to the train yesterday morning, she said that this will be her last trip up on the train. The next time she goes up some friends will drive her and they will bring Ed home, Sept. 3.

Oh yes, Shadrack has five kittens. She had six but Lulu found them before we did and killed one. Poor Lulu has been having her trouble - we are having a hard time trying to keep her from digging in the lawn.

We have lots of people out on vacation here at the office but starting next week there will be more, even so some will be returning. I have decided to take only three weeks now and perhaps next year take five weeks at one time or split it up. Perry is talking about a trip to Houston and on to Florida up to New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. etc. We will have to see how much money we save between now and then whether we can do it or not.

Margaret and Jesse seem to be getting along fine haven't seen them for two weeks. Their dog Roscoe won his championship papers and they showed him last Sunday at a dog show in Santa Barbara with the hopes of winning some awards. They will not be going to the lake with us this year, in fact they have taken one week of their vacation already and will take the other one later. Jesse was sick with the flu so they just stayed home.

Connie and Alice will go to the beach again this year, I think they said right after labor day.

We are anxiously awaiting your return so that we can hear all about your trip. Everyone is asking me questions and I keep saying we just have to wait until you return to find out all these things.

Had a brief chat with Helen Beardsley when she was in the office yesterday, she said that she had a card from you.

Much love
Marie

August 3 - 1957

Darling:

How does it feel to have a birthday away from home again? I must admit, I'd rather have you here. I'm home. Another heat wave has just broken a little, but nothing so far has been as bad as the July 4th one. Have just read in the U.S. News & World Report, what is causing the trouble. Seems the jet air stream has moved from way down south in U.S. to lower Canada. This caused the early hot weather and it has stayed there, also brought in East. I have subscribed to U.S. News & World Report from an offer to old subscribers for half a year.

Today is "Corn Festival" in La Habra, Perry and Marie have gone down early, so Perry can get a haircut (32⁰⁰ now) and then go to the doctor, and Marie will watch the parade. Guess I'll have to go down later and mail a couple of packages.

Oh yes! the check was just 23 cents less than last quarter.

Heaps and heaps love and happy birthday.
I'll kiss you when you get home
always yours
Alma

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KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

august 7 - 1957

Darling:

As usual, we are having much cooler weather after heat. In fact I have on a sweater, which I shall wear until we go shopping in an hour or so.

Before I forget it. Gale wants you to come over to his house August 22 or 23 from 2-4 to talk with several friends. Can do? Ed Sanders wants you to talk to the monthly meeting Sept 7th at the afternoon session. Since he wants to know right away, I am telling him you can, that I'll take a chance on it.

Nothing from Reinhart. No more dates for series. Guess everyone is away for summer.

Let me know now what time
your plane is to arrive in L.A.

Perry and Marie leave Saturday
night for vacation. Walt & Mary
also leave Saturday. So I'll be on
my hilltop and Mrs Selene on her hilltop
only I'll have three dogs, and she
has a lot of locks. Also, we don't
have anything worth stealing.

Am keeping busy sewing, but
can hardly wait for you to get
home. Less than two weeks now
~~until~~ to finish the dresses I want
to make before you get home.
Up to now have been sewing for
Epsie and the kids.

Heaps and heaps love, this come

Always & yours

Alma.

2/20⁰⁰
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August 10 - 1957
La Habra, Calif.

Darling:

Well, Donna called last night and told me you were OK and all. Sure was nice of her to call.

Everything here same as usual. Cold nights and hot days. Foggy, smoggy, then some. Took Lula to the vets yesterday for spading. Got her tonight. Sam was lonesome yesterday without her pestering me to death. Before leaving home, she got an idea she wanted to get in my lap, and every time I sat down to write to Epsie or read Thursday's ads, she was right there trying.

yesterday was Marie's last day at work and today they are feverishly trying to get ready to leave tomorrow for the lake. They return Thursday night before Saturday.

Never saw so many birds. Last night Marie & I saw a Phainopepla and talked to it a while until a hummingbird chased it.

You can't be half as anxious to get home as I am to get you home. Mary & Walt & family at Laguna until Friday. Heaps and Heaps love and then some
always yours

Alma

FOLD
MOISTEN F.
NO. 6

London, August 12th

Dearest:

Just after I mailed letter to you
this morning, yours of the 7th arrived.
I have written "yes" to Kate. Am glad
you accepted Ed Sanders for Sept. 7th.

Had luncheon with B. Vera
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George Catlin. She will address
our group next year. Am

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#51
Come. That a program we
will have in 1958!!

Sell you Monday
morning at Burbank
Trans Continental Airlines (evening)

NY at 8 PM Sunday.

Can hardly wait!

It will be wonderful

to be with you again.

Loveingly your own

Kirby

8/25-57

Dear Kirby And Alma!

Just a note to tell you that I'm glad you two finally got together after your twelve weeks of "hopping about", Kirby. As for me? Well, I've managed to keep rather busy and am again back in the "swing of things". Last week was a social week, Monday as you know was the Niemoller luncheon, my it was good to hear him again! Tuesday, I had lunch and talked over Europe with Charlie Mackintosh, Wednesday the same with Wilson Riles and then a trip up Mt. Hollywood for two glorious hours with Allan, Thursday I showed my slides (which were quite successful!) to my family and Friday an F.O.R. Metropolitan Executive meeting. This week I buckle down to business and tackle those dreaded notes.....ugh!

So glad to get your note and tour resumé, Kirby. That tour sounds fascinating, must take one some time!.....???? When I told Allan & Elizabeth that we spent 10 days (daze) at Fruenschaftshiem they groaned....I agree! That was tooooooo much! What a wonderful time I had in Edinburgh, I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Met a nice pilot on the trip from N.Y. to Chgo., I flew "up front" in the control room on the entire trip, beforehand we had dinner together and he showed me around N.Y., much fun!

Well, it's 12:10 a.m., yawn and time to hit the hay. Be good, and I hope to see you soon.

Much love always,

Conrad
P.S. I broke up with Gordon. Too long, no see!

74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD
LANSDOWNE, PA.

Aug 29/57

Dear Kirby & Alma:

It sure was good hearing from you. Ned and I often recall the many pleasant times we have had together. When Betty's school was out she took us up to East Hampton, Conn. for a while with Byrdie and her family. Their little boy Gary is now two years old. He has a large black German shepherd dog that is his constant companion. When Gary finishes brushing his teeth in the morning, he brushes Carrie's "the dog" teeth with the same brush. How funny can you get?

Alcie's husband passed the bar exam this summer and hopes to practice law in Delaware Co. They have just bought a new house and plan to move in Oct. 1st. Their little boy Stephen is just a year old and a mischief maker if there ever was one. I'm taking care of him this week and while they celebrate their anniversary. I don't think I can wear him out, but I'm sure he will wear me out before his parents return.

Betty spends her summer on a little farm in Maryland, where she and her friend raise holly, day lilies and every flower that ever

produced a seed. Our neighbors
drove us down there last week.
We hadn't been down for over a year
as we saw so great many improvements.
I think they have close to a thousand
dry flies, each one with a name tag
on. They tell me there are two thousand
varieties and I'm sure they won't
be content until they have one of each.

The hot dry summer didn't do much
for my garden but after the nice
rain on Sunday it looks pretty good.
The successful flower of this year
is the impatiens plant. I started
with one small one about a year
ago and now have fifteen all
bursting with color. How are the
princestons? Glad I got some good pictures
of them when they were at their best.

Give our greetings to Marie and Perry.
I thought Marie was coming to Phila
before long, we are still looking
for her and hope she hasn't gotten
up the idea.

My spare moments are spent crocheting
a little cloth when I'm not playing
scrabble with Red or knitting sweaters
for my grandsons, then of course
there's the ever present problem, when
and what to eat, which comes up
about three times a day. Haven't
succeeded in putting any weight on
Red so will have to try some new menus.

Much love and greetings to all
your family.

Euther

Sept. 20, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma + Uncle Kirby,

Are you all recovered from the trip? Aunt Alma, I'm sure you've had practically as much excitement and work as Uncle Kirby did. I know that you both enjoyed it and received a blessing from it. Aunt Alma, remind me to marry such a n intellectual and famous person. Then maybe I can go to Europe sometime.

I've thought of getting a job in an embassy overseas. I imagine I'll end up working in Houston and enjoy it. That's life and I love it.

Had a letter from home this a.m. Momma was at Anderson for her check-up. They congratulated her for

getting along so wonderfully.
She has to go back in February.
That will be 5 years since
the operation. I am so
thankful and relieved.

I really had a surprise
when I went to work.

Dr. Brown has changed things
around. I now have an
office of my own with the
added attraction of air-
conditioning. They refinished
my desk too. I really feel
important now.

Today was the hottest
day ever. Not a breath of
breeze anywhere. I'm glad
two of my classes are in air-
conditioning.

We just have aches
of noon this year. Just two
in the noon makes a lot
of difference. I even put

one of my petticoats in the closet! That's something, isn't it!

I'm studying hard this quarter. All three of my courses require about 20 pp. each every night. Of course, there's outside reading also.

You all write when you get a chance. I'd love to hear from you.

Love,
Mary Jo

P.S. We finally broke down
& got a T.V. set. Bought from
one of the teachers who was
leaving. It was such a good
bargain that I had to
capitulate. For, of course I
enjoy the sports (that's mainly
why we got it) & the children love it too - but we
limit their viewing time & programs.

Sept. 20

Dear Alma & Lerley -

I've certainly been
behind the 8 ball these past few
months. Sept. in particular has been
 hectic. After it's over - I'm refusing
all our side jobs - I've had it!

Our annual Fashion Show came
off Sept. 14 & no one could be happier
that it's over. I had the responsibility
for stage & ramp decorations & I was
a time consuming job.

Monday - I have our circle here
& Sat we go to S.F. to see John's
show. Meanwhile - I am
involved in setting up a
nursery school. Ten of us are
doing this. We are using the
church Sunday School room &

donating money & time to make &
buy all the necessary equipment.

I really wasn't much in the
mood for getting into a project
like this - however we feel that
Mark can benefit greatly by the
play with other children his age -
so I'm up to my ears again.
We plan to start October 1st.

Alma all your wonderful
sewing for us has been greatly
appreciated. The aprons are
wonderful & will be a big saving
on clothes.

Now. sit down & hold
your breath - you will again
be grandparents on or around
the 15th of February. I can
just hear Alma say "Oh, ho!"
My 1st 3 months were pretty
rocky - but am feeling O.K. now.

Have really taken my friends by
storm - because for some reason
this time my condition has not
been apparent until just now. I
wore maternity clothes for the 1st time
a couple of night ago to Bridge
club - & you should have seen
the amazed faces!

The children are delighted - & of
course we are all hoping for a boy.
We won't pretend that this one was
planned - it wasn't. I was quite
disappointed at first, but Kay thought
it was great. I feel emotionally
adjusted to the event now & am
actually quite excited about it.
Babies are wonderful - in spite
of themselves & we'll manage O.K.
This will be our biggest age
difference - but 3 years is not
too much of a spread.
April is now catching on

to potty performance & is off the
battle - so that will help. She
has matured so in the past 2
months. You'd be amazed, Alma.
Say everything. I feel it will
be good for her to be without
Mamie 3 days a week (Nursery
School will start with just 3
mornings per week) She plays alone
very nicely - but she needs some to
play with & so the usual
squabbles.

Barbie had a sad 1st day
at school. Much of it my fault.
I felt she would make the
transition from home & me more
easily if Fay took her - but it
didn't work out this way. She
sulked & clung to Fay. So - after
re-appraising my stiff-upper lip
policy - I decided to give it
my all. So - I went with her
to school & stayed as long as

she needed me. I worked beautifully. The 1st day I stayed a half hour & by the 5th day just left her at the door. From then on she went with Wendy & Kay as usual & now is eager to go & seems to enjoy herself. There are 31 in 1st grade, so the Board has hired an additional teacher to help.

Don't know what I'd do without Helen. She kept Mark & April each AM when I ~~was~~ took Barle to school. And in a million other thoughtful ways is always on the spot. She still is not pregnant - but ~~still~~ keeps hoping. And here I am wearing all her maternity clothes. Cile seems to be happy at Ione.

While Kay was gone this summer - I had Sherry & her children here for a week & then Gloria & baby stayed with us

when Kay & Jerry went fishing.

Sherry & I really got a chance to
go — & we did it up brown.
With all the birds it got a little
 hectic at times — but was well
worth it.

Would you share this letter
with Walt & Mary? I have such
good intentions — but know I can't
begin to write letters until well in
Oct. Give them our best love.

Mary & John know nothing
about the expected baby — so I
will be fun surprising them this
Saturday. Just in case I get this
mailed soon — don't say anything
to them — (same for Walt & Mary if
they are writing) — if you are
writing to them soon.

This may change our plans
at Xmas time as I'll be only 6
weeks away from birth (if the
doctor's date is correct) But — I hope
we can make it.

Much love to you both —
Kay & Eppie

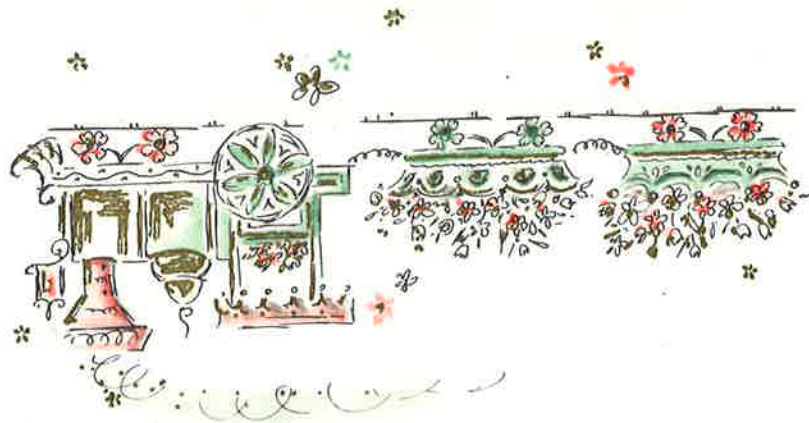
I just take it
for granted that this
includes
Sherry & Marie also.

Oct. 1/57

Dear Kirby & Alma:

The train on this paper makes me think
of you & your wonderful trip and how
proud we are to be represented abroad
by people like you.

We did a trip ourselves this
summer by car to California via
Texas. A total of 8000 miles! Some
trip! I had a child on my lap (8 months
2 yrs or + yrs) every hour we were on
the road! But we had 2 wonderful
weeks with my folks who are living in
Stockton, Calif. now. We were so tired
of travelling & unpacking & packing
that we did no visiting or stopping
except with my brother in San Diego,
my sister in Bakersfield & Stockton.
We left June 20 & returned home Aug. 19!
Our Elizabeth will be 1 year old



on Nov. 22. - that makes five and
 "that's all, brother!" ! Ha ha!

We are all fine - Hope you
 are also - Greetings to Walt &
 family - Shyler - Owen too.

Busy with the new school year -
 Mr. Rahn 2 in school - 3rd & 5th and 3 at home



DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

Oct 14-57

Dear Folks —

So Luke is 50 lbs!! Our scale is off - so we can't weigh Reg - but his almost as large as major. Major isn't as nice & kind these days. Guess his

jealous. We did have a grand time with Mary + John & Walt & Mary. The show was wonderful - best we've ever seen of John's.

I thought they would hear notice that I was in maternity clothes. Sat thru the entire show with Walt & Mary - even talking & Mary outside during intermission without my coat on - & still no "take"!!

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A LITTLE MORE COMPLETE - MORE HOSPITABLE
MORE PLEASING - THAN EVEN THE MOST EXACTING GUEST EXPECTS



We're glad that you are happy about the additional grandchild - How it won't seem right not to have Alma on hand at that time!

Still hoping to come down at Xmas time, but if we can't it will be great to have you here either time you mentioned.

I really look pregnant now - but so little sign of life that I am somewhat concerned.

Perhaps this will be a March baby after all. Am due for a checkup next week & will see if the Doctor can hear the heart beat then.

The High School has been hard hit by Asian flu. Almost closed last week. Ray was out for 3 days - but just with heavy cold. I've had one for several



DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

weeks & the rest of the family are
getting it now - but not as
severely. So we hope that we have
escaped the flu.

Alma - I am trying to plan
Xmas stuff ahead this year - as I may
not feel like running to town too
much in December. So - would
appreciate any suggestion for you
& Kirby & Perry & Marie. I include
also thing ~~for~~ that Fay could make -
as he may have time if we get
started soon enough. Also suggestions
for Margaret & Jesse - if Marie has
something in mind they would like.
Mother & Dad are doing better &
are enjoying Sunday very much.

all our love -
Fay, Essie &
Biddie



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P.S. - Barbie is enjoying school now & is also doing very well in reading.

Our small cooperative Nursery school has started now. Mark loves it & it is wonderful for April & he by herself a few mornings per week. However - I has it draw back

like finding a place to keep April on the days I'm working etc. - & esp. bad when any of the children are home sick. I would gladly give it up - but feel that the set up is what Mark & April both need just now. So it goes.

Did I tell you that Major fathered 8 pups again about 8 weeks ago? We got the pick of the litter for Cote. No whites this time - & 5 females! Believe this is the end of pups for Major. He's quite down in the back & shows his age as ever -
Epsie



Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Dear alma
Just a note to let you
know I am thinking of you too
It has been so hot that I have
stayed close to home.
Have you seen much of your
children & grandchildren this
summer? I would love to see
him ^(Kirby) doing his washing, but he
will make it ok.
Glenn went to the Boy Scouts
council at Valley Forge this
year and called me long distance
I was surprised but pleased.
Be glad when Kirby gets home, the
19th is not too far away Love
Doris.

Your Home
Alsonett



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Paris Wednesday 7 AM

Dearest:

Soon to leave for Geneva.
We had very fine program
in Versailles and much
sightseeing here. The group
is in splendid spirits.

I rented a typewriter
and it has nearly
driven me to drink -
several letters are
located in the wrong
place, French style!
Finished rough draft
of my six-page report

letter. After our time
with Martin Niemöller -
at Freundschaftskreis will
send it to you by airmail
for offset printing.

It is really
amazing how grand
I am feeling. Rest,
sleep & hells!

I love you dearly

Your


Kirby

Dear Alma -

The birds are tickled to pieces with their belouses. Fit beautifully! Thanks so much. The dress for April looks real cute & she's very proud of it. It could be about 1 inch shorter - but maybe best this way - as I can take it up & next year let it down.

April needs the under pants more than ^{the} others do - as we have finally gotten the pat so she'll be needing quite a few. She doesn't produce yet,

just carries the feet around
& calls it her "dish"!!!

So — the smaller pair
of pants are fine for her
in legs — but are too
long. Should be about
8 inches deep from crotch
to waist →  & about
18 inches around waist
with elastic. About like
those little blue ones you
made for Wendy. If too
deep from crotch to waist
they come up to the fat
part of her Tummy.

Have had interesting
cards from Finley. So
happy he is feeling so
good. Weather has

- 2 -

cooled off here too.

Grace Machado et al
are now moving into
their new house - so we
hope the folks will be
able to move before the
25th. The heat has been
heard in my folks & no
cooler ~~than~~ at the
garage.

Kay & I are busy
with garden stuff. Have
the food looking good - &
now are concentrating
on the back. Meanwhile
- house goes to pot!

Have finally gotten
a few things in the patio

planter & its beginning
to look less like a
sand pile or mud
hole. Now to keep
Pye out!

How's Sulu? Pye
wishes she were here.
Major has not gone
back to playing with
him as he did before
Sulu came. Poor old
Major - he's been down
in the back & doesn't
get around so well
now. Seems happy tho.

Say - if you have
any more of these
yuccas - save em
for us.

Can you plant fern
from cuttings? And
if so - any special
trick to it?

At the nursery
yesterday the girl said
something to that effect
in passing & we are
wondering? Nothing
about it in the Garden
Book.

Gotta hang out
some Diapers — A big
hug from all of us.
Having all these blouses
certainly has given a lift
to the girls wardrobe!!

much love,
Eggsie

Гостиница „Астория”



ЛЕНИНГРАД, ул. ГЕРЦЕНА, Д. 39 т. А. 0-00-31



Sunday Leningrad

Dearest:

Arrived after an overnight
train trip from Moscow. Had
sleeping compartment for four.

Sent you two letters
and a postcard from Moscow.
Sent everybody a postcard
and am doing same from
here.

Nothing is easy - no
problem. Don't get any
ideas!

Meals very irregular. Some
days breakfast at 8, dinner
at 2, supper at 11 o'clock.

Today: 10, 2 and 8.

Sleeping a lot and
feeling grand.

Much love

Kirby

Moscow - Saturday

Dearest:

It is amazing how much
we have seen & heard here.
We were received by the Metropolitan
(or Bishop) of Moscow. He took
us all our group in 1958. We
met Baptist leaders last
night. Have visited museums
until they are running out
of my law. Made the rounds
of stores. Went to the famous
Bolshoi Theater for the ballet
Swan Lake. It was wonderful.
at 9 PM we leave by
train for Leningrad - overnight

reen. On the 9th we leave
for Helsinki, spend the night
there, and reach Paris at
2:30 P.M. Am to meet
Sherwood & Larice there.
Then to proceed with the
study group.

Am grateful indeed
for continued good health.

Much love

Kirby

Sent letter previously and
postcards from Warsaw &
Moscow



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your letters have come in 4 days.
Eagerly devoured!

BERLIN SW 11, den

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Monday 9 PM

Dearest Sweetheart:

chartered bus tour of West Berlin.
Appalling wreckage - after 12 years. We are
across from the old headquarters of the
Kestapo, which was reduced to rubble.

In an incredible way Berlin
is being rebuilt with modern
houses, factories and industrial
establishments. We saw an entire
community being rebuilt for
3500 residents. Housing shortage
extremely severe.

Excellent program here.

What a report letter I am working
on - six single-spaced typewritten
pages! Tell Francis I will turn

it over to him. The day after I return -
Aug. 20th that is - and hope that arrange-
ments can be made to rush it
through the offset printer - 6000
copies.

On the second tour we are to meet
several extremely important people we
missed on the first tour - Niemoller,
Henri Loefer, Andre Phillips, Heinrich
Gruber, Sigmund Schulze.

On Thursday we will find out
if Margarethe Lachmund and her
husband will be able to go with
us to Russia in 1958. Pastor
Mensching is writing to Niemoller
about the possibility of joining
our Russian group.

This is proving to be a
powerful spiritual experience.
Will write again before taking off
for Warsaw on Saturday.
much love your Kirby



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Thursday

Dearest:

Your letter of the 22nd arrived
in ample time.

Please accept April 13-15 for
the Christian ministers - I thank
Rev Frank Cron, First Christian
Church, Riverside is the man
who plans you. We will
make necessary adjustments
of the series when I return.

Most profitable experiences
here in West & East Berlin.
Going now to meet Bishop
Hibelius and Probst Gruber.

Resting a lot and feeling
fine

Thursday 9²⁰ P.M.

Had a wonderful visit in
the home of Hans and Margrethe
Lachmann. Both are definitely planning
to go with us to Poland & Russia
in 1958. They are inviting a
Norwegian friend to go with us,
and two people from England.
Already Andre & Magda Troeme
of France have said they would
go to Poland & Russia with us.

Talk with Mary & Nelt about
his going with us - financed
possibly by (1) AFSC (2) John
(3) oil money.

More tomorrow

Ever your

Kirby

Saturday - Freundschaftsheim

Dearie:

Excellent program. Pastor
Menckling moved us deeply with
the story of his life and will speak
two or three additional times.

Marquereta Luckman, weighty
Quaker, impressed us very
powerfully.

We are out in the Country
near the small city of Bückeburg.
Arrangements & facilities are
primitive. Many speakers
are coming here for our

Next week we will know if
the Luckmans will go to
Russia with us in 1958.

The more I think about
it, the more I want Walt
to make the trip with us
next year. It would mean
much to him for the remainder
of his life.

We can talk about your
coming next year. The place
is strenuous and often
the food would not be
suitable for you. Of course

we could supplement on the
side. If you desire to come,
we will work it out.

I am sleeping a lot
and am skipping many
activities. The weather
has been cool. Nice and
warm today.

Your letters come in
four days. Nice combined
letter from Mary, Jerry, Ronnie
and Heather. Letter from
Mary Jo.

This experience will mean
much to my work.

If you have important
word - such as Reinhardt's
reply - please refer to it
in successive letters, to
make sure that I get it.

I am holding up
better than I anticipated.
Except in Versailles, have
had a room to myself.
Writing many letters about
the 1958 tour.

Love to the three of

You

Devotedly Your

Friday morning.

Dear Emily + Olivia:

Have been waiting for Perry to write but since it doesn't look as if he will I guess I had better.

Perry hasn't felt good since we have been here. For awhile I thought we might have to come home. The dust and pollen have bothered him a good deal. They haven't had any rain up here all summer and the wind has blown every afternoon.

We haven't done very much fishing only been out in the boat once. Most days have failed to go shore for

an hour or two. Feeding
has been very poor, they
seem to be feeding on the
moss on the bottom of the
lake.

We have felt the two
atomic blasts very strongly
here. The one last Sunday
morning really shook our
cabin, and made the
mountains echo. The one
this morning was much
lighter.

I knew Joe would eat
when he got hungry enough.
How is Butch doing? Has
Lulu's surgery slowed her

-3-

There have been lots of deer around camp. I have seen several big bucks until the last three days. Still lots of does and fawns, they are quite gentle and I have been able to get quite close to them.

We are anxious to hear all about your trip Kirby and are looking forward to much talk soon.

Alma, I suspect you have been pretty busy trying to keep everything watered during this hot weather.

We have decided . . .

Come up here again
in August.

See you soon

Much love

Marie + Perry

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Saturday

Dear Alva -

Allan and I have been remembering with deep gratitude the morning you shared with us. Always we find ourselves more buoyant and eager to be more faithful after seeing you two beloved people - That you always send

us off with both spiritual and
material nourishment is symbolic
of the quality of your friendship.

We do thank you. The
succulents are thriving; the colored
leaf potted ones - still alive - and
Arlene drinks tea every day out
of the tall white cup -

You will be at our church
on the 17th - another lovely time
to hold. With our loving appreciation,
Elizabeth

The ESSSEX



THIRTEENTH STREET AT FILBERT
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Friday noon

Darling:

our group came here on
orientation session because
The Am. Baptist Convention is
meeting.

Am greatly impressed
with the quality of our 17
or 18 - one Negro minister.

Am leaving now for
New York

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

N.Y. Wed noon

Dearest:

Had good day at F.O.R. retreat.
Notices were sent out late
and nobody worked on attendance.
From 15 to 17 there.

Stayed with Mervin and
Kathleen two nights. Fine
visit and much help
for the Joven.

This morning I found the
lost travelers cheques! Had
fallen inside a folder
in my bag! Since they

up the new set. As my
face red!!

Good sleep two nights.
The group is spending
tomorrow in Philadelphia
at No. Bapt. Convention.
14 on first year and 29 on
second (to date).

Wrote before I leave
much love

Kirk

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday A.M

Alma Ralene:

comfortable trip - little
sleep but made up for
it at Nlvin's - nine hours.

Am. Express Co. has
replaced travel's Ck's stolen
before I boarded plane. After
you left jam was terrific.
Near me where two women
with small children. In
trying to hold back
pushing - someone picked
me. Only loss was
the new case which

Please ask him to send
names to Versailles.

off now for F.O.R.
retreat.

Feeling grand

Much love

Kidg

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

versailles - Sat AM.

Dearest:

Program is far ahead of our expectations. Everybody is really thrilled. It is almost incredible that in one week we should have talked with so many significant people: Muriel & Doris Lester, Sorensonson M.P., Yates M.P. Hughes M.P., seven or eight leaders of peace movement in England, tea in House of Commons, Andre & Magda

Coventry, a banker, Michael
Scott & So. African farms,
several pastors and teachers).

Am feeling grand.
Will slow down from now
on!

Five hour bus tour
of Paris.

Must run now
for a session.

Heaps of love

Your son

London, Monday AM.

Darling:

In one week!

It will be glorious to be home again.

Am due to leave New York at 8:00
P.M. on Sunday the 18th and come to Burbank.

Please have someone find out the hour of
arrival by way of Trans Continental Airlines
& notice that the number is Stanley 7-2626
Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank.

Am seeing people here about next
Years program.

Have written to Perry & Marie
at the lake.

This will be the last letter as the
time will be too short.

So until I hold you in
my arms - I love you

Your own

Kirby

on p. 1 & 2 please add,
after Kloppenburg:

Rear-Admiral Ludwig Stommel

Darling:

at nine this morning I am to
speak to our group plus people
from the Heim about impressions
of Russia.

Much deep affection

Your

Kirby

2nd. a.m.

Dear friends the Pages:-

When I want time
facts, I always feel you are those who
can help.

We had hoped to get up to see you
but we are very much tied up since
C.B. went back to work. He loves his
work & I know he is young enough still
to be a blessing to many people.

But here is my question - is there
a definite place that we can point
to, which proves it was not necessary
to use the atomic bomb ^(Hiroshima) - it seems
we heard that arrangements for
cessation of hostilities had already been
made - Can you help me on this?

(3)

I feel they have come a long way,
but am still bothered by the fact
that they feel Hiroshima was a
means of saving many bombings
in Japan & also great loss of life.
The Japanese feel that to be true.

Now I love my sister & husband dearly
& would like to bring them all the
way through to a complete victory.

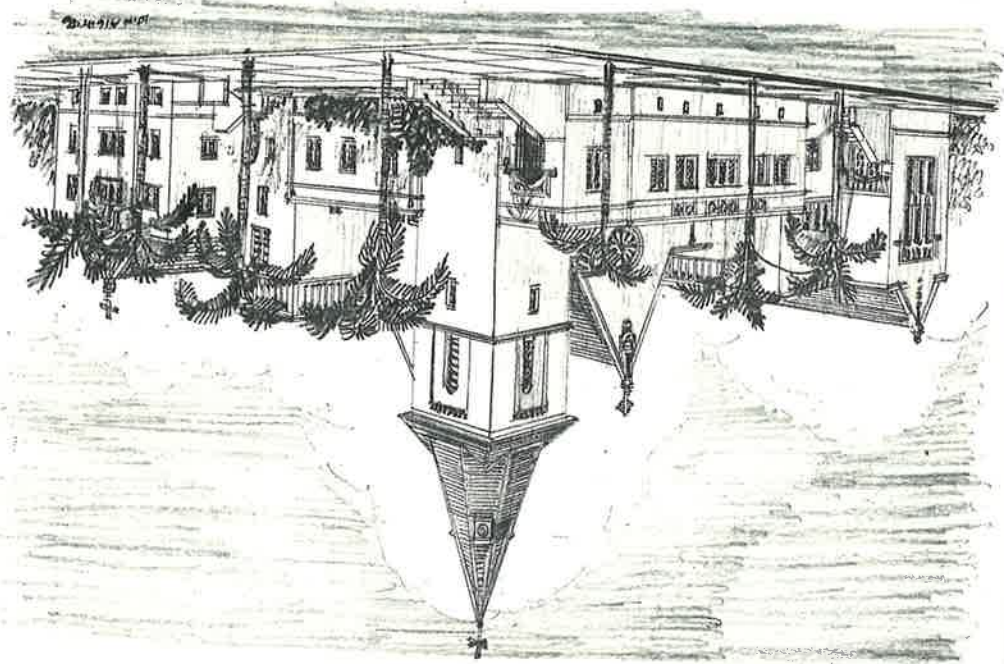
I have a 20 min. devotional period
next wed. before a large group of women.
My subject is War & Peace (taken from
sermon on Mt. teachings). Pray that
I may help these women to understand
the issue more clearly.

(2)

This is my reason (if you have time
to hear me). During the 1st world war,
Paul registered as one who would not
bear arms - my good sister & husband
have been missionaries to Japan for 9
years. They have just retired & spent
one week with us the 1st of April.

They were at home on furlough during
1st war & my B.S.L. told Paul he that
he was yellow - ^{since he} ~~was~~ later years he was
happy to have changed & now admired
Paul. During another furlough during
the 1st war - they still thought Japan
had to be licked - but now they have
come out & openly admired our son,
Paul, who was a C.D. in war.

The First Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, California



Thanks so ⁽⁴⁾ much for your time. It
has been good to visit with you.

Gratefully,

Thence L. Burger

13132 Shasta Way
Santa Ana.



Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

I have lots of work to do around the house when the weather clears up. Thera and her 3 boys doing O.K. Her latest and Barbaras latest are running a race to see which one grows the fastest. Think Bobbys is ahead. Bobbys next youngest Jonathan had 3rd degree burns on both feet from scalding water but is back on his feet now and they dont think there will show to be any

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Alsonett



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skin grafts had no worried
for a while. Pat is quite
a young lady now 13.

How are you and
Kirby making out and
all the little pages.

Hope the earthquake
did not affect you.

Let us hear from you
soon.

Lot of Love

Bellie & Chris.



Dear Kinsley Alma -

Doing my accounts - so
just a note. We so enjoyed
your visit! Ryp missed the
pups so the first few days -
now he pestere major all
day long - but major has
accepted him (I guess one
is better than three!) & even
enjoy him sometimes. Ryp is
now sleeping in the dog house -
has to be locked in tho. His
still not very house broken - &
is outside most of the time. How
his grown - & getting much
lighter. Leg all silver now.

The kids finally started
calling him Eye - after I
dropped the ~~the~~ idea - so that
the name.

Had a wonderful visit
with Mary & John.

Made love to all -

Eyes